



**STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.**

P.O. Box 6415  
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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Thursday, May 24, 2007**  
**The Japanese Garden**  
**6100 Woodley Ave**  
**Van Nuys, Ca**

### 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 24	TBA	Japanese Garden Van Nuys, CA
June 21	Golf Tournament	Anaheim Hills Golf Course Anaheim Hills, CA
August 23	TBA	TBA
October 25	TBA	TBA
December 13	Officer Installation/Awards	TBA

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*"To promote the advancement of urban forestry and provide a forum for tree care professionals to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise for the benefit of the membership and the enhancement of Southern California's community forests."*

#### VISION STATEMENT

*"To enhance the health and beauty of Southern California cities by improving the quality of our community forests."*

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# STS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2007

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> STS Meeting at Descanso Gardens by Dave Teuschler

Street Tree Seminar held its March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Descanso Gardens. If you did not make the meeting, you missed something spectacular, Camellias in bloom at every turn, Lilacs in bloom at every turn, Lilacs perfuming the air, and tulips in full glory, not to mention the cherry trees in full bloom in the Japanese garden. Wen Wang, the curator of collections did a great presentation on the gardens and a little bit of their history. We then enjoyed a fantastic lunch followed by a guided private tour led by Mr. Wang of the gardens. I am sure that we will be visiting this site again in the future. Many thanks to Janessa for putting together a great meeting. It looks like the new format for our bi-monthly meetings is working well.

A natural "bowl" in the San Rafael hills provides a secluded setting for Descanso Gardens. The first inhabitants of the area were the Los Angeles basin's Gabrielino Indians. They relied on the native oaks for the mainstay of their diet, pounding acorns into meal for mush and bread.

In 1769, the Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portola arrived in San

Diego and traveled northward along the route now known as El Camino Real ("The King's Highway"). He claimed the area which includes Descanso Gardens for the King of Spain. Governor Fages in turn deeded the site as part of a vast rancho--over 36,000 acres--to Corporal José Maria Verdugo in 1784, probably as a reward for loyal service.

Verdugo died in 1831, and his estate was divided between his son Julio and his daughter Catalina. The property remained in the Verdugo family until 1869. Its sale marked the beginning of a long series of transactions that involved buying, selling, and subdividing thousands of acres of land. However the 160 acres that form Descanso Gardens today, had never been developed when E. Manchester Boddy, publisher of the *Los Angeles Daily News*, purchased them in 1937.

Boddy cleared the land and built an elegant two-story mansion of 22 rooms, designed by architect J. E. Dolena of Beverly Hills. This mansion overlooks 25 acres of live oak forest and a camellia-lined driveway. The Boddy House, used today as an [art gallery](#), is open to visi-

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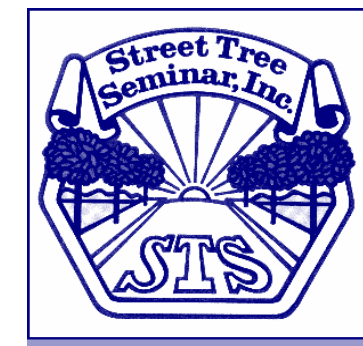
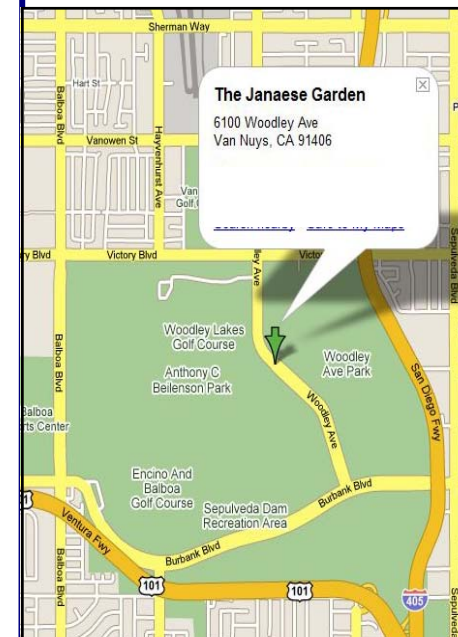
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### UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

**MAY 24, 2007**

LOCATION:  
The Japanese Garden  
6100 Woodley Ave  
Van Nuys, California  
Tel 818 756 8166

COST:  
\$15.00 RESERVED  
\$20.00. AT THE DOOR



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## STS Business Meeting— March 22, 2007

**Past Presidents in Attendance:**  
Rose Epperson, Art Murphy, Al Remyn

**Publications Report:**  
The publications committee is continuing to go through the process of adding and deleting trees for in the next addition of *Street Trees Recommended for Southern California*. Any feedback from the membership is greatly appreciated.

The committee is now seeking pictures for possible entry into the next STS book. Please take a moment to check out the new website and register to submit photos. <http://www.streetreeseminar.com/bookupload.asp>

**Next Meeting:** May 24, 2007

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6100 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, Ca, 91406  
Tel 818 756 8166 \* Fax 818 756 9648

Don't forget to email your reservation into Dave Teuschler to save on meeting registration.

See you there!



### A Call for Arborists!

The Western Chapter ISA, a partner in United Voices for Healthier Communities, is looking for arborists who are interested in participating in The Great Clean Air Tree Planting Project. As an initiative of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, this project aims to plant 3,000 – 5,000 trees in the largest single-day urban tree planting effort in the history of the South Coast Air Basin. This unique event is being kicked off with tree plantings on April 21st in Anaheim and 28th in Fontana. The main event being held in conjunction with Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2007.

We are looking for arborists who would like to share their tree-planting skills and knowledge with community volunteers in Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. For more information, please visit [www.unitedvoices.org](http://www.unitedvoices.org), or contact Mary at the Western Chapter office: (714) 639-3610.

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## An Afternoon at Descanso Gardens, cont.

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tors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Boddy named his estate "Rancho del Descanso," which means "rest" or "repose" in Spanish. He also purchased an additional 440 acres north of the original property, whose mountain streams provide fresh spring water for the Gardens today.

For more information on the Gardens, visit [www.descanso.com](http://www.descanso.com)

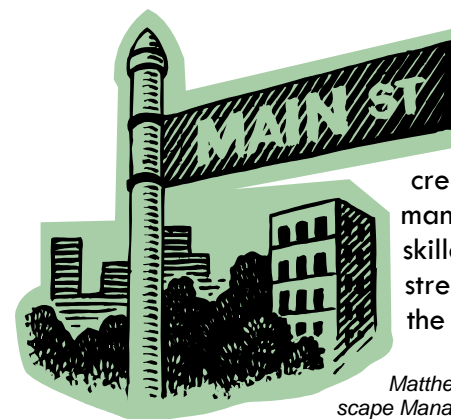


## 2006 Scholarship Recipient Essay - Part 1 of 4

### The Importance of Trees in Urban Settings

By Matthew Chen

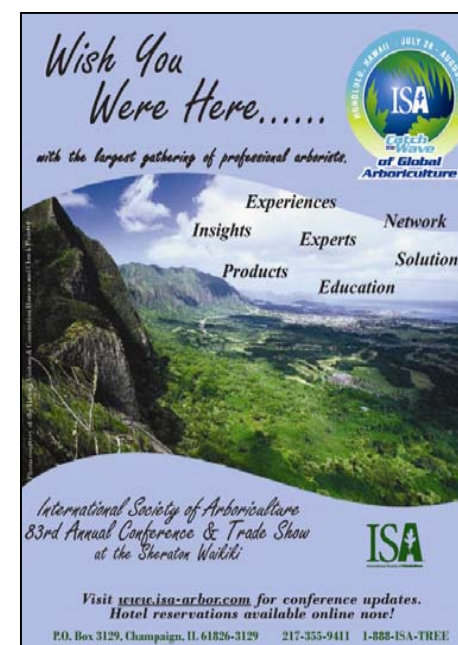
Trees are beautiful natural works of art. Taking of decades, even centuries of years to develop and grow, trees offer a glimpse to the past on how cities have taken shape. As populations continue to move together to form densely packed cities, the need to understand the relationship between human interaction and nature has become an even more important task. Trying to create a clean living environment with limited green areas has become a very important topic. By utilizing trees, cities are able to accomplish this task while adding a few more benefits.



Besides reducing the CO2 levels in the air caused by the use of gasoline engines, trees offer shade to both structures and people. Trees offer shelter for wildlife and help control the runoff water from storms. Trees help regulate temperature from the heat generated by blacktop and concrete surfaces. Trees also help reduce noise pollution. Without trees in the "concrete jungle" to help and regulate all these negative processes associated with urban sprawl, cities would become increasingly more and more harmful places to work and live. Learning how to care and manage trees in an urban setting have become a challenging task to even the most skilled arborists and tree workers. With organizations such as Street Tree Seminar, street tree superintendents and urban arborists alike can continue their education with the best management practices on how to maintain and manage trees.

Matthew is a senior from Cal Poly Pomona pursuing a B.S. in horticulture with an emphasis in Sports Turf and Landscape Management. He has a GPA of 2.5. Matthew hopes to obtain a management position within a highly reputable tree care company in Southern California. Matthew speaks conversational Mandarin Chinese, Basic Japanese and Basic Taiwanese. He is the President of the Cal Poly Pomona Turf Club and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents of America, both National and Southern California chapters, and a member of the Cal Poly Pomona Los Robles Horticulture Club.

### Upcoming Industry Events



- April 25, 2007 City of Upland Arbor Day Event  
Upland, CA  
Contact- 909.291.2939
- May 4-5, 2007 A Tribute to Dr. Alex Shigo: Shigo Science  
The Science Behind the Treatment  
Community College of Southern Nevada  
Henderson, NV  
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- May 18, 2007 Equipment Innovations & Safer Palm Work Seminar  
Encanto Park, Phoenix, AZ  
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- May 19, 2007 Tree Climbing Championships  
Boyce Arboretum, Superior, AZ  
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